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Project Impact to Deliver **"Shelter in Place" Tapes to Area Schools**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) - Area students will begin the year a little safer than the last, thanks to Sedgwick County Project Impact and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Sedgwick County Emergency Management will hand-deliver 500 "Shelter in Place" tapes to all schools in Sedgwick County beginning Monday, August 6. At the same time, their counterparts in Butler County will be delivering tapes to all of the schools in Butler County.

The tapes will be shown to school personnel as the school year begins. Each tape is about 17 minutes long and is designed to teach students, teachers and support staff the safest way to take cover in the event of a hazardous materials incident. Sedgwick County's tapes were purchased with funds donated by Air Products & Chemicals, ATOFINA Chemicals, Inc., and Vulcan Materials Company, while tapes for Butler County were purchased by the Butler County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Sedgwick County became a Project Impact community in 2001, while Butler County started its Project Impact activities in 2000. Project Impact is a program that helps communities become more disaster-resistant by building partnerships, assessing risks, prioritizing needs and creating community-wide support to minimize effects of disasters.

Contact DeAnn Konkell at (316) 383-7546 for more information on "Shelter in Place" tapes or other Project Impact details. In Butler County, contact Jim Schmidt at (316) 733-9796.

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